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# Search for El Monte Police Chief Continues

**El Monte, Calif.** – The City of El Monte announced Tuesday that the search for a new police chief will continue, following the decision by Eric McBride to remove himself as a candidate for the position.

The shift was the result of the reaction by some community members regarding a vote McBride had taken as mayor of Hemet in June 2010, wherein the Hemet City Council voted unanimously to support SB 1070, Arizona's controversial illegal immigration law. Information about political votes are not typically part of a professional recruitment vetting process. Because the San Bernardino Police Department's Assistant Police Chief had previously served as a city councilman for this city in Riverside County, the issue arose after the initial selection process.

Given the response by some members of the community, McBride decided to withdraw his acceptance of the offer to take the position, noting that his partnership with the community is critical to his style of policing.

"I have always forged strong relationships with the communities I've served, including all immigrant communities," McBride said. "But given the political dynamic this is raising, I want to be respectful and just remove myself as a candidate."

McBride was chosen from a field of 25 qualified applicants through an extensive search process overseen by Alliance Resource Consulting, which the city hired to conduct a nationwide search for a new police chief. The company will continue to spearhead the search at no additional cost to the city.

"We will continue to move forward with this process and get this position filled quickly," said El Monte City Manager Raul Godinez II. "Assistant Chief McBride handled this situation professionally. I'm confident that I will be announcing El Monte's new police chief very soon. In the meantime, Interim Police Chief Roger Johnson has agreed to continue his tenure with the City."

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